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SPEAKER..... ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT

Elliott Roosevelt, son of F.D.R., was in the AAF during the war and flew 89 combat missions. After leaving the service, he devoted himself to writing about his father's role in world conferences. "As He Saw It" is the book recently published by Duell, Sloane and Pearce. He came back from Russia in December after spending six weeks touring the country. He will describe the USSR

"As I Saw It"

Please send in your reservations early for this first luncheon at the new location.



MARCH 18, 1947.  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE OFFICIAL CLUB WARMING FOR THE NEW OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OFFICE in the Times Building, 1475 Broadway, Room 411 (entrance) will take place on Friday, March 28th from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. (or later.)

Come and look over the new club rooms. This christening will have to be for members only and not more than one guest. After this opening, plans will be worked out for office hours and one night a week for a get together in informal fashion. For the present the office will be open from 10 A. M. until 7 P. M. Don't forget the new phone number Pe 6-6871.

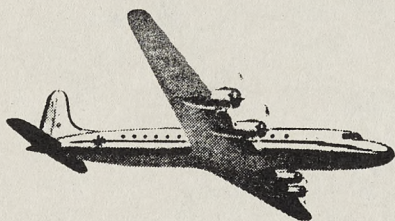
We are going to try the Hotel Elysee for our weekly luncheons --- but we do not have to stay there if it does not prove to be centrally located enough or satisfactory. The chef, Monsieur Palova is an excellent one from Normandy and Mr. Quain, the owner of the hotel, is doing everything he can to make the price right, etc.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the club rooms at 8:30 P. M. on Wednesday, March 26th. This will be the last meeting of the present members of the Board. Have you sent into the Nominating Committee your suggestions for officers and governors for the coming year. Ralph Frantz, Chairman, asks that you call him or any member of the Committee regarding nominations.

W. Orton Tewson, Treasurer of the club in 1945, and a founding member of the Overseas Press, died suddenly on Friday evening, March 14th, in Madison, Conn. where he and Mrs. Tewson were staying for the winter. "Tews" as he was affectionately called by his friends, had been one of the guiding leaders of our group during most of our years.

As a young man, this Englishman worked with Cecil Rhodes, later coming to Canada around 1904 and then to the States. He worked on the New York Times for years (when Fred Birchall was Managing Editor) and then founded the literary department of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and later that of the New York Evening Post. His column "An Attic Salt Shaker" had been syndicated first by the papers and then by himself. Twenty five years and not one deadline did he miss. Symbolic of this, he finished his weekly column at four in the afternoon of the day of his death.

A staunch Englishman all of his life, "Tews" was put to rest in Madison, with the Union Jack, (a flag from the battleship Queen Elizabeth which had been given to his son-in-law, Colonel Strode Jackson, by British sailors.) rippling in the breeze over his final rest. We will miss his wise counsel, his ready wit and his steady and loyal work for the club.



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Tewson was just finishing an article for the Encyclopedia Britannica (for which he had always written) about the newspapers of the world. In his memory, Mrs. Orton Tewson is giving a set of the Encyclopedia to the new club library.

Which might remind all members that the club needs a copy of all books written by members --- in order for the office to be of real service, plans for a radio (short wave), typewriters, magazines and telephones to be used by OPC people are being completed.

Henry Bagley, new member in Rio De Janeiro, informs us that Vaughn Bryant of AP, formerly in Santiago, Chile, is working in New Orleans with Charley Nutter.

Spyrous Skouras, of Twentieth Century Fox, is leaving for South America next week for a short trip.

Edmund Chester of Columbia Broadcasting Company, has returned from another swing through Central America.

Henry J. Taylor authors an article in the March issue of REDBOOK called "Bernard M. Baruch, A Great American" in which he writes that Baruch's foundations of social consciousness go deep.

Ted Malone of ABC is offering a hat that can be worn in five different styles to writers of the five best suggestions on subjects they would like discussed on his program, forthcoming on WJZ at 11:45 A. M. (Monday to Friday.)

Marjorie Young reports that Fay and Linton Wells are living in Mount Kisco, New York --- which after their war time stay in West Africa seems wonderful - especially for their son, Linton Wells II, aged 9½ months.

A Broadway columnist recently recalled some of the facts of gal correspondents. One was about Elsie McCormick, OPC member, who replaced Heywood Broun when he left the New York World. Elsie started her career as a crime reporter out in Oakland. The newsmen on the same beat ignored her thoroughly --- until she finally won their confidence the hard way --- by scooping them on three successive yarns.

And apropos, Irene Kuhn of NBC who has covered everything from murders to wars remembers that a wise newspaperman once gave her some advice she has never forgotten. "Give your readers some controversail stuff on something they are talking about. Make half of them sore and half of them happy."



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Eddy Gilmore, Chief of the AP Bureau in Moscow, was selected for outstanding foreign reporting, based on his coverage of Russia, by the National Headliners' Club in their 1946 awards for journalistic excellence in newspaper, magazine, radio and newsreel coverage.

Lee Carson, formerly of INS, is reported as being kissed by her husband George Putnam of Mutual Broadcasting Company --- after she received her award at the Annual Dinner. At least this is the report of Shirley Wolff, of Station WJZ, in her broadcast about the Dinner on Sunday, March 9th at 11 P. M.

Richard De Rochemont, of March of Time; Edgar Ansel Mowrer, of the New York Post; William L. Shirer of CBS and Gregor Ziemer of Town Hall, were on the sponsoring Committee of the National Conference on the German Problem, held on March 6th at the Waldorf Astoria.

Louis Azrael of the Baltimore News Post is covering the Caribbean maneuvers of the U. S. Navy.

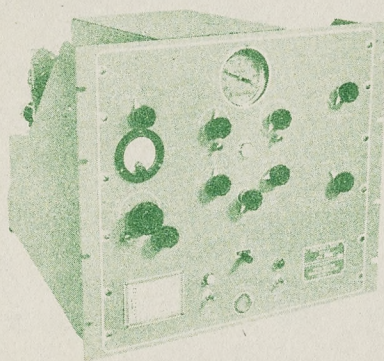
Carl Mydans, who recently arrived in Tokyo to take over as Chief of TLI's Tokyo Bureau, has been elected first vice president of the Tokyo Correspondents' Corps. He succeeded TLI's John Luter, also OPC member, who held that office from June through December, 1946.

Fritz Oppen, of the American Broadcasting Company, is stationed in the ABC bureau in London.

Johnny Moroso, ship news reporter of AP, is ill in the hospital at New Rochelle.

OPC members seem busy writing books, finishing them or starting as the case may be. Dick Tregaskis is reported to have just finished one called "World President"; Al Newman is in the process (subject unknown); Bill Shirer has just finished one, sequel to his "Berlin Diary" (Bill was ill the night of the dinner and could not attend;) and Edgar Snow's book which is an elaboration of his Saturday Evening Post articles has been published by Random House. It is called "Russia Must Have Peace."

Cecil Carnes, looking fit and tanned, met many friends at the Dinner. He flew up from Texas. And he voiced the sentiment of many members; "It does not seem ok -- without our former beloved Honorary President Jimmy Hare."



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One of the most interesting lunches of the season on February 26th, featured John Daly of CBS and Bert Brandt of Acme newscictures -- who both had been to Alaska and the Aleutians on the recent Operations Frost and Frigid -- up in the cold country.

Daly said that although Tass has charged the US with combat activities in Alaska, the few men there, about one hundred officers and 1470 enlisted men (hardly enough for extended manoeuvres,) are engaged only in testing men and equipment. The men are standing up to temperatures like 45 degrees below, but the equipment is falling down.

John reported that industry is cooperating in trying to improve the material now used and that men from industries move in and out of Alaska -- finding out what is defective and useless. With ground operations taking place at 40 below, the efficiency is found to be seventy percent down.

Bert Brandt declared that even the antifreeze freezes in Alaska and that most equipment just won't function. It seems that a person cannot even walk quickly and that the dehydration in the air absorbs the water in the lungs in no time flat. Ludd Field is poorly manned and aviation suffers just like everything and everyone else from the cold climate.

In short, Brandt and Daly agreed that there is no intelligence work going on in Alaska, there are no guided missiles and so far, the effective productivity of men and machinery is so low that years of testing and trying will be needed yet.

In a recent issue of LIFE magazine, Eliot Elisofon, OPC member photographer, took the strikingly beautiful pictures of the Atlantic coast, shown in a ten page spread -- and not a bathing beauty among them. Eliot says that the Coast Guard helped him and his researcher out more than once. And Elisofon, even then collecting recipes for this forthcoming book, found several in depot and station "galley's." One collector's item: a chicken seafood casserole.

The Russian decision to limit the number of journalists has brought the present situation in Moscow to the attention of every foreign correspondent. Many of our members covering the Big Four meeting here in December shuddered at the idea of Moscow March weather, but the question was and is that the conference is international and therefore should the decision on coverage have been made by Russia alone? Does this set a precedent for other countries to limit coverage? The question remains the center of conversation among correspondents here and abroad.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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